

Mineral Industry Surveys

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GOLD IN APRIL 2006

U.S. mines produced 20,000 kilograms (kg) of gold in April, a 12% decrease compared with that of March, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The daily production rate of gold in April was 668 kg, 7% lower than the 2005 annual average daily production rate of 715 kg, and a 9% decrease compared with the March average daily production rate of 732 kg.

Engelhard Industries' average gold price for April was \$612.10 per troy ounce, 10% more than the average March price. The gold price reached a 25-year high of \$645.74 per troy ounce on April 28.

TABLE 1 MINE PRODUCTION OF RECOVERABLE GOLD IN THE UNITED STATES, BY STATE $^{\rm I}$

(Kilograms)

	Other			
	Nevada	States ²	Total	
2005: ^p				
April	17,000	4,120	21,100	
May	16,900	3,590	20,500	
June	18,500	3,650	22,100	
July	18,100	3,560	21,600	
August	19,700	3,910	23,600	
September	19,600	3,970	23,600	
October ^r	18,700	3,500	22,200	
November ^r	18,100	3,700	21,800	
December ^r	19,500	3,460	22,900	
January-December ^r	217,000	44,600	261,000	
2006:				
January	15,100	3,480	18,600	
February	14,800 ^r	3,710	18,500 ^r	
March	18,500 ^r	4,160	22,700 ^r	
April	16,200	3,880	20,000	
January-April	64,700	15,200	79,900	

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington.

TABLE 2 GOLD PRICES

(Dollars per troy ounce)

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Source: Platts Metals Week.

 $\label{eq:table 3} \textbf{U.S. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF GOLD}^1$

(Kilograms of gold content, unless otherwise specified)

	Ores and	Doré and	Refined	4	Waste and scrap	Metal powder	Gold compounds
Period and country	concentrates ²	precipitates	bullion ³	Total ⁴	(gross weight)	(gross weight)	(gross weight)
Imports for consumption:	1.620	224.000	105.000	241.000	27.200	1.000	20.500
2005	1,630	234,000	105,000	341,000	27,300	1,990	29,500
2006:		12.200	4.4.700	2 - 000	2.740	10	10.5
January	8	12,200	14,700	26,900	3,740	48	486
February	5	14,200	8,700	22,900	3,610	53	849
March:			1 10 5	1.10			
Aruba			140 ⁵	140	1		
Brazil			585	585		 5	
Canada	1	5	5,860	5,860	471 5	51 5	
Chile		3,620 5	650	4,270			
Colombia		533	125	658	1,310		
Costa Rica		19	63 ⁵	82	136 5		
Dominican Republic					913 5	30 5	
Ecuador		112		112	14		5
Germany						1 5	607 5
Honduras		346	284	630	71 5		
Japan			38	38			3,030 5
Mexico		136	2,870	3,010	781 5	10 5	
Nicaragua		158		158	18		
Peru		9,210		9,210			
Switzerland			461	461		(6) 5	
Other	1		200	201	148 5	35 5	
Total	2	14,100	11,300	25,400	3,860	127	3,630
Year to date	15	40,500	34,700	75,200	11,200	229	4,970
Exports:							
2005	1,380	141,000	182,000	324,000	563,000	687	1,310,000
2006:							
January	72	13,300	17,100	30,500	51,600	43	105,000
February	75	8,490	16,100	24,600	35,100	25	97,700
March:							
Canada		22	329 5	351	8,170	1	30,000 5
China			2	2			530 ⁵
Dominican Republic	47 5		1	48			8,870 5
Germany					11,000	10	340 5
Israel						1	2,860 5
Japan					40	2	350 ⁵
Korea, Republic of							349 5
Mexico			581	581		(6) 5	1,600 5
Singapore					208	(6)	50,700 5
Switzerland	1,270	11,300	2,620	15,200	273		
Taiwan							10,300 5
United Kingdom	3		16,800	16,800	11,000	13 5	1,090 5
Other	41 5		283	324	129	3 5	
Total	1,360	11,400	20,600	33,300	30,800	31	107,000
Year to date	1,510	33,100	53,800	88,400	118,000	98	310,000

⁻⁻ Zero.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes gold content of base metal ores, concentrates, and matte imported for refining.

³Bullion also moves in both directions between U.S. markets and foreign stocks on deposit in the Federal Reserve Bank. Monetary gold excluded.

⁴"Waste and scrap," "Metal powder," and "Gold compounds" not included in "Total."

⁵All or part of these data have been referred to the U.S. Census Bureau for verification.

⁶Less than 1/2 unit.